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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: Discussion with the House Permanent Select Committee  
on Intelligence about a Sensitive Project [ ]

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25X1 1. [ ] On 7 March 1978 Messrs. Carlucci, Taylor, Dirks, Stevens,  
25X1 McMahon, and [ ] met with Chairman Boland of the House Permanent  
Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI), Mr. Burlison of the Budget  
Subcommittee of the HPSCI, Mr. Robinson of the Committee, and  
Mr. Latimer and Mr. Bush of the Committee Staff to brief them on  
a sensitive project, its funding for 1979, and our proposed re-  
programming for 1978.

25X1 2. [ ] Mr. Carlucci introduced the session. I explained that  
25X1 the total cost of the project would probably be about [ ]  
25X1 that we had requested [ ] in the 1979 budget for this activity,  
that we might have a need for further funds in 1979 but more likely  
in 1980, and that we would shortly request that the Committee endorse  
our request to reprogram [ ] in 1978 towards this project.  
The group was briefed on the background and purpose of the project,  
the technical approach being taken, and the operational approach  
and risks.

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25X1 3. [ ] The members and particularly Mr. Burlison wished to be  
assured that the President is aware of the operation before they  
indicate their approval. Our sense of the meeting was that they  
will approve the reprogramming request for this project provided  
we can assure them that the President is aware of what we are doing.

25X1 4. [ ] Subsequent to that meeting on 8 March 1978, Mr. Dirks  
and I met with the Director to explain to him the need to brief  
the President. The Director had already agreed to take the project  
up with Secretary Vance and said he would so in his regularly  
scheduled meeting with him. He said he would try to discuss it with  
the President on Thursday.

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Comptroller

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